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**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**I. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 4, line 21 and ending on page 5, line 6, with the following amended paragraph:**

Referring to Figs. 1 to 5, the bicycle rack of the present invention is connected to a sphere 52 ~~[[62]]~~ on an extension part 51 which is connected to a bar 50 extended from a vehicle. The bicycle rack comprises a first tubes 10 and a second tube 10', and a support bar 100 extends from a first end of each of the first and second tubes 10, 10' so as to support bicycles (not shown) thereon. Two stretch plates 11 are connected between the first and second tubes 10, 10' and a locking device 65 locks the two stretch plates 11 to avoid the two stretch plates 11 from being folded or collapsed.

**II. Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 13-19, with the following amended paragraph:**

A ring 41 is pivotably connected to the second end of the first tube 10 and a retaining member 30 is connected between the first and second tubes 10, 10'. The retaining member 30 includes a collar 33 and two lugs 31 extend from the collar 33 such that the lugs 31 are connected to the first and second tubes 10, 10' by

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extending bolts through holes 32 in each lug 31 and holes in the first and second tubes 10, 10'. The sphere 52 ~~[[70]]~~ is embraced by the collar 33.